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Dear Kwiyagatu Community Academy:

Mógúán Behavioral Health is highly supportive of the Kwiyagatu Community Academy charter school scheduled to open in the fall of 2021. Located in Towaoc, Colorado, the Kwiyagatu Community Academy will be a critical new addition to the educational community to the Montezuma County region of Colorado by serving the educational needs of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal members and other interested community members. Mógúán Behavioral Health looks forward to providing support and mental healthcare subject matter expertise to the Executive Committee of the Academy as they establish the partnerships needed to have a great school.

Mógúán Behavioral Health believes that we can aid in the development of the school by providing support during the Summer of 2020-Fall 2021 during the start-up phase and going during school operations starting in the fall of 2021. Specifically, we can offer assistance in the provision of curricular instructional support and the training of future teachers.

Recently, Mógúán Behavioral Health applied for the USDA's Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant. The grant writing team purposely included a $238,000 request for technology equipment on behalf of the Kwiyagatu Community Academy. We believe it is imperative for the Ute Mountain Ute children to have access to cutting edge school technologies as well as the ability to engage in social/emotional learning centered around the Ute Mountian Ute culture. Further, Mógúán Behavioral Health is seeking a contract with a licensed play therapist to ensure age-appropriate mental healthcare is provided in a trauma-focused manner to the students and families of the Kwiyagatu Community Academy.

As stated in the school's mission statement, The Kwiyagatu Community Academy values Ute culture and language; academic achievement; social, emotional, and physical wellness; and the building of a strong interconnected community. These tenets aligned with Mógúán Behavioral Health's mission of *"Strengthening the Hearts of Us – Together."* We feel that our support is a critical and essential part of making this an excellent school.

Respectfully,

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